with Australia for investment in coal mining industry in India,

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether there are more similar agreements, and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI KALYAN SINGH KALVI). (a) to (d) The Indo-Australian Joint Working Group on coal was set up in July, 1986. Piparwar coal project was identified for assistance from Australia The first meeting of the Working Group was held in Australia from 31st July to 4th August, 1989 The second meeting of the Indo-Australian Joint Working Group on Coal was held in New Delhi on 22-23 November, 1990 to review on-going projects and to identify the potential projects for future cooperation in the coal sector.

2 An agreement to implement Piparwar Integrated Mine-cum-Coal Beneficiation Project on turnkey basis was signed between Coal India Limited and White Industries Australia Limited on 23rd September, 1989 The sanctioned cost of this project is Rs 542 43 crores including a foreign exchange component of Rs. 223 89 crores The entire foreign exchange cost has been agreed to be financed from a concessional Australian credit

3 In the recently concluded Joint Working Group meeting both sides also identified potential areas for future co-opreation in the coal industry Some of the new technologies that were identified for implementation in Indian coal mines, inter alia, included roof bolting system of supports in coal mines, Wongawilli method of mining and washing of fine coal, SCCL has identified one underground mine (No 5 incline) for introduction of Wongawilli mining method using continuous minns and other associated equipments Coal India Limited have also identified 14 underground mines in its different subsidiary companies for induction of roof bolting system for creating better safety conditions in the underground workings. In addition, Coal India have also identified a few mines for introduction of Australian Wongawilli system of extraction of coal. The Pootkee Balihari Underground project of BCCL and Kalinga Opencast mine alongwith coal beneficiation plant are also to be examined for development with Australian assistance

Setting up of Mangalore petrochemicals project

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SHRI R. GANESAN ALIAS MISA R. GANESAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the joint sector petrochemicals project at Mangalore has been approved by the Central Government; and

(b) If so, what is the estimated capacity of the Project?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA)· (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

Compensation to cultivators by coal India Ltd.

264 CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state·

(a) whether Coal India Ltd agreed in 1982 to give compensation service benefits and land for rehabilitation to the cultivators whose land was acquired at Shaktinagar, U. P;

(b) if so, what are the terms of the agreement,

(c) whether the terms of agreement have been implemented by the concerned authority; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?